

GAME NOTES

Trail Smoke Eaters at Wenatchee Wild





This evening, the Wenatchee Wild (35-14-4-1, 75 pts., 2nd Place Interior Div.) meet the Trail Smoke Eaters (31-18-4-1, 67 pts., 4th Place, Interior Div.) in the sixth and final meeting this season.

HEAD TO HEAD: This evening will be the eleventh meeting all time between these two new division rivals. The Wild are 6-4-0 against the Smoke Eaters, and 3-2-0 this season. The Wild won last night here by a score of 5-2.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Forward Jasper Weatherby (37g, 35a) leads the Wild and the BCHL in points (72), and defenseman Cooper Zech (11g, 54a) continues to lead all BCHL defensemen. He's also fourth overall in the league. Goalie Seth Eisele is 18-9-0 with a 2.45 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .892. Trail top scorers include Ross Armour (20g, 39a) and Kale Howarth (24g, 33a). Goalie Adam Marcoux has played the last 17 straight is 11-9-0, with a 2.61 GAA and a save percentage of .922 since coming to Trail from Cowichan Valley.

SPECIAL TEAMS: WEN PP – 65/296 22.0% 2nd WEN PK – 29/201 85.6% 2nd

TRA PP - 47/229 20.5% 4th TRA PK - 55/285 80.7% 12th

LAST GAME: Wenatchee had a 2-0 lead after one, but Trail rallied to tie on a power play goal and a shorthanded goal in a span of 1:39 in the middle of the second period. Wenatchee buried two power play chances in the later part of the second period, then added an empty netter late for the 5-2 win, moving the Wild into second place by way of a tiebreaker with the Vernon Vipers.

MOVING ON: The Wild close out the regular season next week with trips to West Kelowna on Wednesday, then Vernon and Penticton for the weekend. Trail visits Merritt Tuesday night, hosts Salmon Arm on Friday then wraps up at Vernon on Saturday night.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTIONS: Tonight we celebrate our heritage with special "Year 10" events. Players will wear various throwback jerseys during warmups, and the first 1,000 fans will receive a Walt Bobblehead doll, courtesy of AG Supply. We'll honor our 20-year old players, and crown our season-long "Wenatchee Wild Woman of the Year".

NEXT HOME GAME: The Wild will open the playoffs with Games 1 and 2 at home in the first week of March, with playoff dates being announced very soon, though the opponent may not be known until the final day of the regular season.

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